an island near by others were killed and 29 taken who also were hanged There were taken also 3 pieces of ordnance without and 10 pieces within the castle, together with about 20 barrels of powder

The Lord President rescued alive 14, to see if he could draw them to do some more acceptable service that their lives were worth The next day word was sent by Tyrell that he would do some acceptable service to redeem the Irv es of his men, and a stratagem was propounded in the effecting whereof he should obtain pardon and liberty for himself and his dependents But having learnt in the meantime that a Spanish ship was come to Ardea he gave answer that he Vvould ransom the prisoners but would never be false to the King of Spain, his master The men were therefore executed, and on the 22nd June the Castle was blown up with powder There is great fear that more Spaniards will shortly come to Ireland

loth July NEW ERECTED BUILDINGS

Although the Lord Mayor and the Justices of the peace in Middlesex go about to put into execution the late orders concerning the erecting of buildings and tenements, there are divers new frames being erected in those places within the City that pretend to be privileged This abuse is greater in that the offenders do commit this disobedience against the proclamation at the very instant when they see strict order taken in other places The Lord Mayor is now required to commit them to prison and not to release them until they have themselves taken order to pluck down these frames or to enter bond to answer the same in the Star Chamber

|^ih July THE WAR IN THE Low COUNTRIES

About a month since His Excellency Count

Maurice, having drawn together his army at Shnkesconce hath made a journey into the enemy's country and some miles from St Troyes and presented battle unto the enemy's camp with the greatest part of all his horse and foot but could not prevail with them to offer fight Now hath he drawn back his forces and setteth down before Grave where they are busily engaged in digging trenches to prevent the enemy from attacking them m their quarters or from relieving the town His force at the beginning